

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 2006, the National Weather Service in North Carolina issued 1,547 severe thunderstorm warnings, recorded 1,226 incidents of severe thunderstorms with winds of 60 miles per hour and/or large hail, and issued 168 flash flood warnings; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is traditionally an active tornado state from March through May and last year had 31 tornadoes touchdown in 19 counties, resulting in eight fatalities and numerous injuries; and

WHEREAS, lightning strikes are a significant threat in North Carolina, especially for people involved in outdoor recreational and sporting events; and

WHEREAS, people are less likely to be injured when they know what to do when a tornado warning is issued and severe weather conditions threaten; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 average lead warning time for severe weather was 16 minutes and citizens should listen to local radio, television, a weather channel or a NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) radio for information on severe weather; and

WHEREAS, families should have an emergency safety plan for home, school and work, including knowing where the safest locations are along regularly-traveled routes; and

WHEREAS, people should have a disaster supply kit on hand that contains a first-aid kit, a battery-powered radio, flashlight with extra batteries, canned and other non-perishable food, a hand-operated can opener, bottled water, sturdy shoes and work gloves; and

WHEREAS, Wednesday, March 14, is the designated day for tornado drills to be held statewide in schools, government buildings and private companies; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, the National Weather Service and the Department of Public Instruction have collaborated to inform and educate North Carolinians about how to stay safe in severe weather;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of March 11-17, 2007, as **"SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK"** in North Carolina, and call upon our citizens and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of severe weather and how to stay safe.



MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the City of Raleigh this fifth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.